

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GREG LIND**, on January 24, 2007 at 4:15 P.M., in Room 317-B Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Greg Lind, Chairman (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 218, 1/22/2007; SB 223,
1/18/2007; SB 241, 1/18/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00 Vice Chair Sen. Wanzenried

HEARING ON SB 218

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:01 **SEN. GREG LIND (D), SD 50**, opened the hearing on **SB 218**, Sequestration standards for carbon dioxide.

Proponents:

00:07:29 Rev. Brady Vardemann, Executive Director of Churches

00:10:30 Lisa Peterson, Public Information Officer, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:11:15 Chuck McGraw, Northwest Energy Resources

00:17:33 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

EXHIBIT (nas16a01)

EXHIBIT (nas16a02)

00:20:54 Steven Barrett, Chief of Business, Governor's Office

00:24:56 Matt Leow, Montana Public Research Group

00:28:17 Sarah Cobler, Montana Conservation Voters

EXHIBIT (nas16a03)

00:30:31 Mark Fix, Chair, Northern Plains Resource Council

00:32:03 Wade Sikenski, Self

EXHIBIT (nas16a04)

00:33:24 Don Judge, Montana Chapter Sierra Club

Opponents:

00:34:00 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association

00:35:58 Tim Ravndal, Montana Multi Use Association (MMUA)

00:37:15 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

00:40:21 Todd O'Hair, Rio Tinto Energy America Services Company

Informational Testimony:

00:42:12 Tom Richmond, Petroleum Engineer, Oil and Gas
Conservation, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:35 Sen. Gebhardt to Tom Richmond, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:57 Sen. Lind

HEARING ON SB 223

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:38 **SEN. JIM PETERSON (R), SD 15**, opened the hearing on **SB
223**, Generally revise water appropriation laws.

[EXHIBIT \(nas16a05\)](#)

Proponents:

00:58:49 Mark Morland, Rancher

01:00:17 Charles Larsen, Rancher Montana/Wyoming

01:02:14 Sen. Keith Bales

01:04:12 Rep. Carol Lambert

01:05:20 Bruce Williams, Fidelity Exploration and Production
Company

01:06:36 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers Association

01:08:55 Quin Burley, Powder River

01:09:31 John Morris, Rancher

01:10:29 Connie Morris, Rancher

[EXHIBIT \(nas16a06\)](#)

01:13:33 Tim Ravndal, MMUA

01:14:39 John Young, Decker
01:15:20 John Beasley, Geneva Powers
01:15:44 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau
01:16:06 Bryan Johnston, Chemical Land
01:16:44 Willie Duffield, Director, Montana Association of Oil,
Gas, and Coal Counties, Inc.
01:17:03 Jon Metropoulos, Fidelity, Exploration, and Production
Company
01:17:42 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association
01:17:58 Tom Ebzery, Nance Petroleum Corporation

Opponents:

01:18:55 Mark Fix, Chair, Montana Resource Council

EXHIBIT (nas16a07)

01:21:34 Tom Meyers, Hydrogeologist Logic Consultant
01:24:41 Brenda Lindlief-Hall, Tongue River Water Users'
Association

EXHIBIT (nas16a08)

01:28:55 Clint McCray, Rancher

PLUGGED IN LITTLE MIC TO START RECORDING:

01:32:35 RJ Jag, Rancher
01:37:30 Dena Hoff, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation
01:38:42 John Tubbs, DNRC
01:42:12 Beth Kating, Self
01:43:04 Wade Siskorski, Self
01:43:27 Katy Kassmeyer, Self
01:44:30 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

01:45:17 Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Information Center
(MEIC)

Informational Testimony:

01:45:38 Jim Kuipers, Butte

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:47:41 Sen. Tash to Bruce Williams, Fidelity Exploration and
Production Company

01:53:08 Sen. Gebhardt to Bruce Williams, Fidelity Exploration
and Production Company

01:54:16 Sen. Gebhardt to Mark Fix, Montana Resource
Counsel

01:55:28 Sen. Wanzienried to Charles Larsen, Rancher
Montana/Wyoming

01:56:42 Sen. Tash to RJ Tag, Tongue River Rancher

01:58:38 Sen. Perry to RJ Jag, Tongue River Rancher

01:59:21 Sen. Curtiss to John Tubbs, DNRC

02:01:28 Sen. M. Tropila to Mark Fix, Montana Resource
Counsel

02:02:45 Sen. Perry to John Tubbs, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

02:06:26 Sen. Peterson

HEARING ON SB 241

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:11:52 **SEN. CHRISTINE KAUFMANN (D), SD 41**, opened the hearing
on **SB 241**, Generally revise oil and gas laws.

Proponents:

02:13:28 Jim Kuipers, Kuipers and Associate Engineering Company

02:18:48 Sen. Lind

02:19:55 Sen. Gebhardt

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Closing by Sponsor:

02:20:32 Sen. Kaufmann

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:45 P.M.

SEN. GREG LIND, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas16aad.pdf](#))